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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y: OMISSIONS IN PARA 2

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SUBJECT: MEETING GATT COUNCIL, OCTOBER 21

REF: GENEVA 06257

1. PARAGRAPHS ARE KEYED TO REFTEL. GATT MANAGEMENT GROUP. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT MEMBERSHIP BE HELD TO MINIMUM AND BE BALANCED AS BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IF GROUP IS TO PLAY AN EFFECTIVE ROLE IN DEALING WITH BOTH EMERGENCY AND LONG-TERM TRADE PROBLEMS. ACCORDINGLY, WE ARE DISINCLINED TO SUPPORT ANY COMPROMISE WHICH WILL CREATE NEW UNWIELDY BODY WHICH WOULD OFFER FEW ADVANTAGES OVER EXISTING CONTRACTING PARTIES AND COUNCIL GROUPS. RE EC REPRESENTATION, WE THINK IT SHOULD BE RESPONSIBILITY OF LONG TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS WITH EC WHICH WILL BE IN KEEPING WITH EFFORT ESTABLISH INTIMATE BODY AND US DEL SHOULD NOT BE CAUGHT IN MIDDLE ON THIS ISSUE. U.S. INSISTENCE ON LIMITING MEMBERSHIP TO 15 OR 16 SHOULD, HOWEVER, SERVE TO MAINTAIN USEFUL PRESSURE FOR WORKING OUT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL ENSURE INTIMACY, BALANCE, AND EFFECTIVENESS OF GROUP.

2. REPORT OF WP ON ITALIAN PRIOR DEPOSITS. WE CONCUR THAT U.S. REP SHOULD MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT NOTING WP REPORT ON ITALIAN IMPORT DEPOSIT AND HIGHLIGHTING ITALIAN STATEMENT THAT NON-DISCRIMINATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE OBSERVED. WE WELCOME ITALIAN STATEMENT SINCE WE CONSIDER THAT GATT REQUIRES NON-DISCRIMINATORY APPLICATION OF (MISSION'S SUGGESTION THAT THE AGREEMENTS AND REMOVAL OF IMPORT DEPOSIT SYSTEM--).

3. REPORT OF WP ON EC-FINLAND AGREEMENT. WE AGREE THAT U.S. REP, UPON ADOPTION OF WP REPORT ON EC-FINLAND AGREEMENT, SHOULD NOTE STRICT GATT OBLIGATION OF PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT TO REFRAIN FROM DISCRIMINATORY APPLICATION ON REMOVAL OF QRS.

4. REPORT OF WP ON EC-TURKEY SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL. U.S. REP MAY SUPPORT ROUTINE NOTING OR ADOPTION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORT.

5. REPORT OF ANTI-DUMPING COMMITTEE. ADOPTION OF REPORT SHOULD PRESENT NO PROBLEMS FOR THE U.S. AT COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 4 PROPOSED COMMITTEE REPORT WAS ADOPTED BY MEMBERS WITH MINIMUM AMOUNT OF CONTROVERSY COMPARED WITH PAST YEARS. REPORT AS ADOPTED IS ACCEPTABLE TO U.S.

6. REPORT OF WP ON ACCEPTANCE OF ANTI-DUMPING CODE. AT OCTOBER MEETING OF ANTI-DUMPING COMMITTEE, MEMBERS, INCLUDING U.S., AGREED TO DISCUSS COMPROMISE LANGUAGE PROPOSED FOR RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DESIRING TO ACCEDE TO ANTI-DUMPING CODE AT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN JANUARY. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT MAY NOTE LACK OF AGREEMENT ON LANGUAGE TO DATE.

7. ICELAND PRIOR IMPORT DEPOSITS. U.S. REP SHOULD CONCUR WITH MAJOR CPS THERE IS NO NEED FOR WP TO MEET ON ICELAND IMPORT DEPOSIT SCHEME PROVIDED ICELAND ADHERES TO ANNOUNCED PHASE-OUT SCHEDULE. US REP SHOULD SUPPORT JAPANESE POSITION THAT DECISION NOT TO HAVE WP MEET DOES NOT CONSTITUTE PRECEDENT.

8. INTENSIFICATION OF YUGOSLAV IMPORT RESTRICTIONS. WE CONCUR IN MISSION RECOMMENDATION (GENEVA 5878, PARA 4) THAT U.S. REP MAY EXPRESS REGRET THAT GOY HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO INTENSIFY IMPORT RESTRICTIONS AND MAY INDICATE U.S. VIEW THAT GATT BOP COMMITTEE IS APPROPRIATE PLACE FOR EXAMINATION OF GOY MEASURES.

9. PAKISTAN IMPORT SURCHARGE. WE CONCUR IN MISSION SUGGESTION TO REMAIN SILENT ON TERMINATION OF PAKISTAN IMPORT SURCHARGE UNLESS ISSUE IS RAISED BY OTHER DELS. IF

APPROPRIATE, MENTION MAY BE MADE OF FACT THAT SIMULTANEOUS ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASE IN DUTIES BY AMOUNT OF SURCHARGE COULD BE VIEWED AS REVERSAL OF GENERAL TREND OF IMPORT LIBERALIZATION WHICH BEGAN IN 1972.

10. CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET (CARICOM). WE CONCUR IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MISSION SUGGESTION RECOMMENDING U.S. SUPPORT/OR CALL FOR AS NECESSARY THE FORMATION OF WP TO EXAMINE GATT CONSISTENCY OF CARICOM AGREEMENT.

11. BIENNIAL REPORT ON EC/GREECE AGREEMENT. U.S. REP MAY SUPPORT NOTING OR ADOPTION OF REPORT.

12. EC ASSOCIATION WITH OVERSEAS COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES. WE AGREE WITH MISSION RECOMMENDATION (GENEVA 6268, PARA 2) THAT BEST APPROACH TO GATT CONSIDERATION OF EC ASSOCIATION WITH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES IS TO AWAIT NORMAL GATT CONSIDERATION OF SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT ASSUMING LATTER EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AND CIRCULATED FOR REVIEW IN REASONABLY NEAR FUTURE. OTHERWISE, WE BELIEVE USUAL GATT BIENNIAL REVIEW PROCEDURES SHOULD

CONTINUE IN EFFECT.

13. CALENDAR OF BIENNIAL REPORTS. AS APPROPRIATE, U.S. REP MAY SUPPORT ROUTINE ADOPTION OF NEW SCHEDULE FOR BIENNIAL REPORTS ON TRADE AGREEMENTS.

14. JAPAN AND ARTICLE XXXV. IF JAPAN REPEATS ITS REQUEST FOR DISINVOCATION OF ARTICLE XXXV BY COUNTRIES STILL APPLYING THAT ARTICLE TO IT, U.S. REP MAY SUPPORT. KISSINGER

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